

THE 2025 HARNESS 5000 SERIES

TERMS & CONDITIONS

DISTANCE

6. All races to be from mobile start over a distance of 1,700m. The maximum number of starters on the front line shall be nine.

NUMBER OF STARTERS

7. A maximum of 14 starters will contest these races. One emergency will be selected. Starting Regulation 4.5 applies if there is a scratching, i.e. no movement from 2nd row to the front.

BARRIER DRAW

8. Preferential Barrier Draw – Ratings, sequentially in ascending order from 1-15.

STAKES DISTRIBUTION

9. The \$60,000 stakes for The Harness 5000 Series races will be:
- 1st = \$30,000
 - 2nd = \$9,000
 - 3rd = \$6,000
 - 4th = \$3,000
 - 5th = \$2,550
 - 6th to 14th = \$1050
10. In the event of less than 12 starters, any residual stakes shall be added to the prize money for the placegetters sixth and below.

LATE ENTRY

11. There is no late entry clause.

FIELD SELECTION

12. Qualifying for the Harness 5000 Races Series will be by way of accumulated stake earnings earned in the qualifying race period:
- a. 2025 Qualifying period - Thursday 3 July 2025 up to the conclusion of racing at the Manawatu Harness Racing Club meeting on Tuesday 9 December 2025. [Note: for future seasons the qualifying period will start on 1 January.]

- b. All earnings (including handicapping exempt earnings) for the period from 3 July 2025 up to and including Tuesday 9 December 2025 in New Zealand only for placings 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th only.
 - c. All stakes earned in the qualifying period from placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th where the published stakes for that placing was \$50,000 or more are excluded.
 - d. All bonuses (e.g. incentive bonuses) are excluded.
 - e. All horses that won a race with a published stake of \$100,000 or more in the current season or in the 2024 season are excluded from The 2025 Harness 5000 Series.
13. In the event of two or more horses having equal earnings, the following criteria shall apply in descending order for starts in New Zealand between 3 July 2025 up to and including 9 December 2025:
- a. Firstly, the greatest number of wins; then
 - b. Most number of 2nd placings; then
 - c. Most number of 3rd placings; then
 - d. Most number of 4th placings.
14. If two or more horses are still on equal selection criteria, the Harness Racing New Zealand Handicapper shall elect one by ballot under the supervision of the RIB Head Steward (Harness). An owner representative will be invited to attend for each horse.
15. Australian trained horses that meet the Eligibility criteria (Clauses 3 - 5) and Field Selection criteria (Clauses 12 - 14) are eligible to qualify.